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Briefing Document for Administrator Pruitt

**CALL WITH CANADIAN MINISTER CATHERINE MCKENNA**

DATE: Monday, May 8, 2017

LOCATION: Administrator's Office

MEETING TIME: 6:00-6:15 PM

**I. PURPOSE**

Minister Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, requested this call today to follow up on previous discussions regarding the modernization of the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement and the upcoming Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) meeting. She is also expected to urge the U.S. to remain in the Paris Agreement, noting the North American efforts to promote transparency in the Paris Agreement.

You met with Minister McKenna on March 16<sup>th</sup> where the discussion focused on (i) air quality cooperation under the Air Quality Agreement; (ii) water quality cooperation under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; (iii) sharing information on infrastructure projects along the border; and (iv) expectations for the CEC Council Session in June. You also spoke with Minister McKenna by telephone on March 1 when she called to congratulate you on your confirmation as EPA Administrator.

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**III. PARTICIPANTS**

***External Attendees***

- Catherine McKenna, Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

***EPA Staff***

- YOU
- Jane Nishida, Office of International and Tribal Affairs (optional)

**IV. AGENDA:** There is no set agenda for this call.

**V. PRESS:** This is a closed meeting with no press.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Background information
2. Biography for Minister Catherine McKenna

**Attachment 1**

**Background**

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## **Attachment 2**

### **The Honorable Catherine McKenna**

#### **Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada**

Catherine McKenna practiced competition and international trade law in Canada and Indonesia and was senior negotiator with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in East Timor. She also served as senior advisor on the former Chief Justice Antonio Lamer's review of Canada's military justice system. Catherine co-founded Canadian Lawyers Abroad, a charitable organization that works in developing countries and with Indigenous communities in Canada. She served as Executive Director of the Banff Forum, a public policy organization for young leaders. Catherine taught at the Munk School of Global Affairs. Catherine has degrees from McGill University and the London School of Economics. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the New York Bar.



Catherine was elected on October 19, 2015 and was appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change on November 4, 2015. Catherine and her husband live in Ottawa with their three children.